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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as followed:

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In re Applicant:	§ Group Art Unit: 1734
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Serial No.: N/A	§
	§ Examiner: Laura Edwards
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For: Replaceable Shielding	§ Attorney Docket No. SIM011C
Apparatus	§

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing fees, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add the following claims:

- 21.(New) A replaceable workpiece shielding apparatus for replaceably preventing processing on the engaged portion of the workpiece comprising:
- a) a workpiece support for supporting the workpiece; and
  - b) a replaceable shield of comparable weight as the workpiece for allowing replacement of the shield in the same way as the replacement of the workpiece, the shield engaging a portion of the